

Nomination of David C. Fields To Be United States Ambassador to the Marshall Islands

May 7, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate David C. Fields, of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands. He would succeed William Bodde, Jr.

Since 1990, Ambassador Fields has served as Director of the Office of Foreign Missions at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC. Prior to this, he served as U.S. Ambassador to the Central African

Republic, 1986–89; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security at the Department of State, 1984–86; and as Administrative Counselor at the American Embassy in London, England, 1980–84.

Ambassador Fields graduated from Armstrong College (B.A., 1960). He was born January 13, 1937, in San Pedro, CA. Ambassador Fields served in the U.S. Army, 1955–57. He is married, has two children, and resides in Vienna, VA.

Nomination of William Henry Gerald FitzGerald To Be United States Ambassador to Ireland

May 7, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate William Henry Gerald FitzGerald, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Ireland. He would succeed Richard Anthony Moore.

Since 1959, Mr. FitzGerald has served as president of the FitzGerald Corp. in Washington, DC. In addition, he serves as vice chairman of the African Development Foundation; and as chairman of the Atlantic

Council of the United States Foundation. Mr. FitzGerald founded and was chairman of the board of the North American Housing Corp., 1972–89.

Mr. FitzGerald graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy (B.S., 1931). He was born December 23, 1909, in Boston, MA. Mr. FitzGerald served in the U.S. Navy, 1941–48. He is married, has two children, and resides in Washington, DC.

Nomination of Princeton Nathan Lyman To Be United States Ambassador to South Africa

May 7, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Princeton Nathan Lyman, of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa. He would succeed William Lacy Swing.

Since 1989, Dr. Lyman has served as Director of the Bureau for Refugee Programs at the U.S. Department of State. Prior to

this, he served as Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1986–89; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs at the Department of State, 1981–86; and as Director of the Office of Inter-African Affairs at the Department of State, 1980–81.

Dr. Lyman graduated from the University of California (A.B., 1957); Harvard Uni-

versity (M.A., 1959; Ph.D., 1961). He was born November 20, 1935, in San Francisco,

CA. Dr. Lyman is married, has three children, and resides in Chevy Chase, MD.

Remarks to Firefighters and Law Enforcement Personnel in Los Angeles

May 8, 1992

Let me just say I'm very pleased that the Governor's with us and Senator Seymour's with us. And really, what we did is to want to come over here and, one, see where some of the action stemmed from, but mainly to thank the firefighters and the patrolmen for a heroic job well done.

You know, at a time like this you think of your faith, and you remember that the Bible talked about, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Well, I must say, when I think of the firefighters and the highway patrol, I think of what you have done and, frankly, do all the time in keeping the peace and restoring the peace. You certainly have the gratitude, you may not know it, but you have the gratitude of people all across this country.

I wanted to just recite a fact or two that you all know but the rest of the country might not. There were almost 6,000 fires responded to, nearly 12,000 arrests, thousands of buildings saved along with untold lives. That, I would say, is just one of the legacies of your work. And there was another one: You showed that people that would wantonly destroy, wantonly terrorize, wantonly kill their fellow citizens were not going to prevail. What you did took a good deal of courage, whether it was the patrol, whether it was the firefighters. I salute you for that, the country salutes you for that. And I think your very presence restored a sense of civility to an otherwise outrageous situation.

Yesterday, I was privileged to go to a memorial service—it was National Day of Prayer—at Reverend E.V. Hill's church. When I mentioned those who worked to restore the law, the police, et cetera, why, it broke out in spontaneous applause. People are very grateful in the neighborhoods for all that you have done.

I heard a lot of stories, anecdotes about what went on. They told me about Rich Perez, the lone gunman, the only armed officer guarding L.A.'s traffic control center. And these rioters came in and tried to break down the doors. Somehow, he managed to convince the rioters that they had met their match, and they turned away. And the traffic control system was safe and sound, and a legend was born.

I've just come from the hospital, from seeing one of your own, one of the firefighters' own, Scott Miller. You talk about courage and you talk about the way his fellow firefighters helped him, it's a great lesson for our whole country. Incidentally, he's a courageous man. They told me that what had happened to him was serious. But they also told me, the doctor, that because of his spirit, the same spirit so many of you exemplified, that he's going to make it. He's fighting hard, and his wife was there and his kids—his kids weren't, but they were together as a family. I'll tell you, the doctors and nurses are rallying around, and he's getting the best possible care.

But here was another example of an innocent guy going out to help others, taking a shot from some hoodlum going by in a car. And we just cannot condone that sense of violence, that kind of violence, anywhere in this country for whatever reason. There's no explaining it. There's no rationalizing it. And I will try to take that message to the country day in and day out.

There was Captain Kaemmerer, a captain of a fire company which doused flames at an ammunition shop in the face of gunfire. Here's a guy going into what you might call a hostile environment anyway, firefighting captain, and fighting that.

We all know the case of the LAPD's Michael Strawberry, Darryl's brother. Darryl